



WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Remain Level in August

Typical for August, the Fox Valley Region's unadjusted unemployment rate showed little change over the month. The rate for the seven county region remained unchanged over the month at 4.0 percent. Typically the rate shows a small decline of 0.2 of a percentage point between July and August. The monthly rate is actually fairly close to the average for August for the period 1990 to 2003. During that time the average rate for the month was 3.5 percent.

Two counties in the region had over the month decreases. These were Green Lake and Waupaca Counties. Each declined by 0.1 of a percentage point. This was offset by increases in Fond du Lac and Waushara Counties, while the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA remained unchanged at 3.8 percent.

All of the areas within the region had unemployment rates well below one year ago. Green Lake had the greatest over-the-year decline in the region with a drop of 1.8 of a percentage point to 3.7 percent. Waushara County had the smallest drop in the region with a decline of 0.6 of a percentage point to 5.0 percent.

This was also the highest unemployment level in the Fox Valley WDA.

Both the number of workers employed and in the labor force declined during the month. The labor force was down 3,800 while the number claiming to be employed was down 3,700.

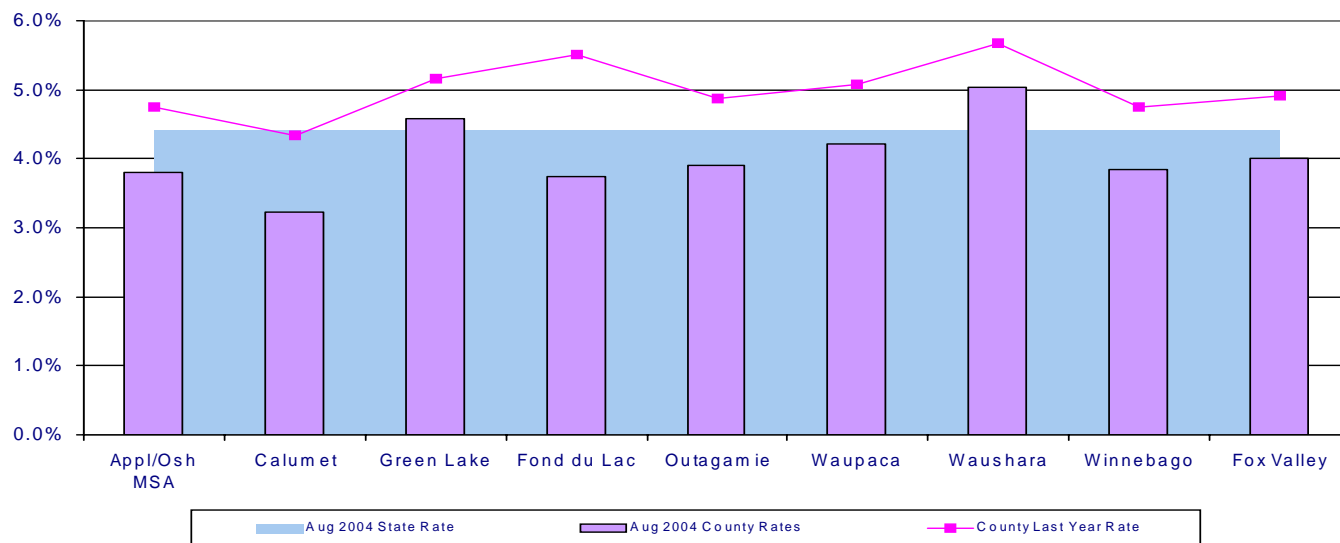
The State of Wisconsin also experienced a decline in the number of workers employed and in the labor force over the month. These numbers generally decline between July

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Msa	Wisconsin	United States (000's)
August-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	236,228	3,113,600	147,704
Employment	226,074	2,963,500	139,681
Unemployment	10,154	150,100	8,022
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.8%	5.4%
July-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	1,100	4,600	(152)
Employment	500	200	21
Unemployment	600	4,500	(174)
Unemployment Rate	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
Aug-2003			
Civilian Labor Force	404	21,900	1,082
Employment	2,921	47,400	1,988
Unemployment	(2,517)	(25,500)	(907)
Unemployment Rate	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.7%

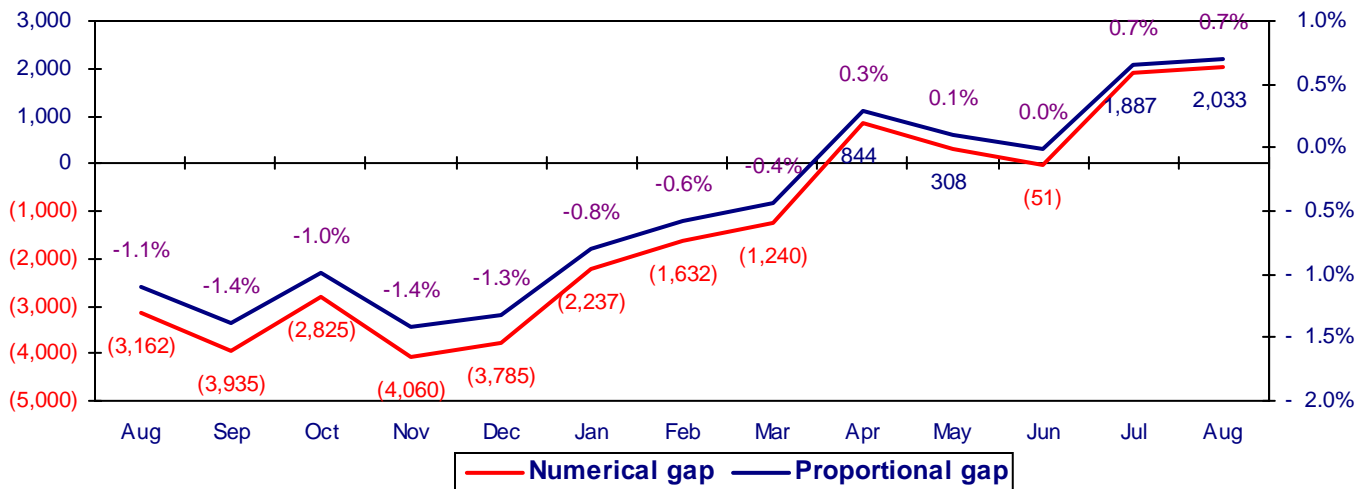
Note: All estimates are rounded and preliminary, based on place of residence

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State and County Unadjusted Unemployment Rates



NonFarm Employment Change Over the Year Wisconsin Fox Valley WDA



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and August, although the declines were slightly higher than the average. For the month, there were 348,100 workers in the seven county area with 334,100 claiming to be employed, while 13,900 were unemployed.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWs) employment in the region declined by 400 in August. Government employment again had the largest decrease declining 600 for the month. Many of these jobs will be added back in with school resuming when September data is released. Not including government employment, the number of jobs increased 200 in the Fox Valley Area in August. The total number of jobs estimated in the region is 288,700. This is up 2,000 from last year. Manufacturing gained 100 jobs over the month and has added 2,200 jobs over the last year. Construction, mining and natural resource employment was up 500 from August 2003.

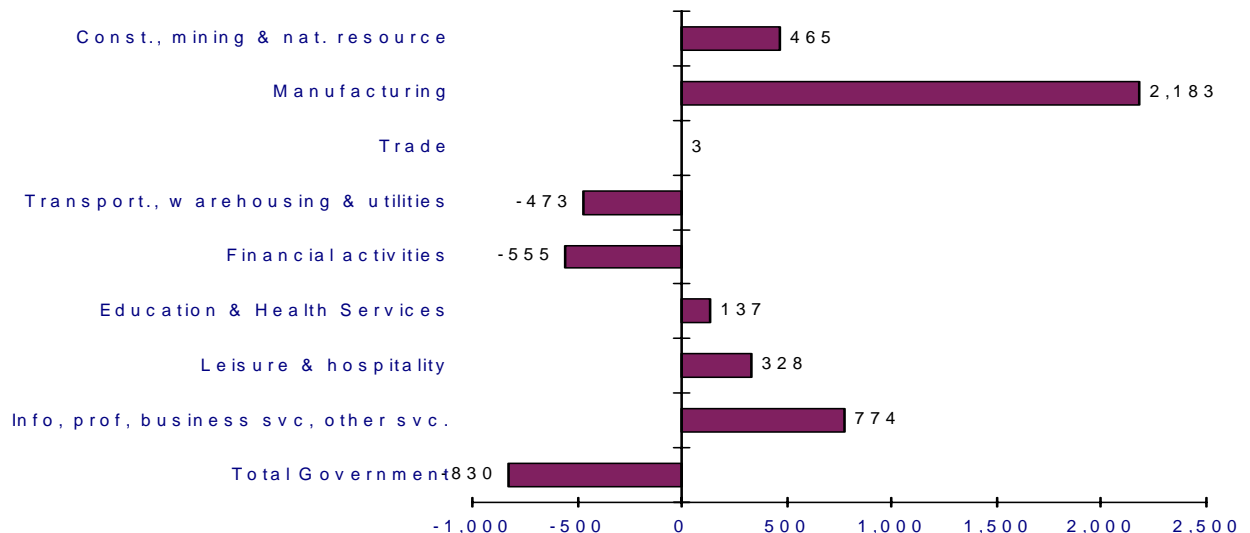
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was 4.3 percent, up 0.2 of a percentage point from last month. The nation's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, and Wisconsin's was 4.8 percent.

Rates for other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.3 percent; Sheboygan, 3.9 percent; Milwaukee, 5.0 percent, Wausau, 4.3 percent, and Madison, 2.5 percent. Eight of Wisconsin's eleven MSA's had an increase in their seasonally adjusted rate in August, while two remained unchanged. Sheboygan was the only MSA with an decrease in its rate, dropping 0.3 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in the state.

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Fox Valley Aug 2003 to Aug 2004 change



Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area							
August 2004	Appl/Osh MSA	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	238,800	58,400	10,400	27,900	12,500	348,100	3,143,800
Employed	229,800	55,700	10,100	26,800	11,900	334,100	3,005,000
Unemployed	9,100	2,700	400	1,200	600	13,900	138,800
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.6%	3.7%	4.2%	5.0%	4.0%	4.4%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.8%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	205,700	47,900	7,500	21,500	6,100	288,700	2,851,300
Total Private	184,700	42,400	6,400	17,800	4,900	256,200	2,478,700
Goods Producing	62,600	13,800	1,700	5,900	1,200	85,200	666,600
Service Producing	143,100	34,100	5,800	15,600	4,900	203,500	2,184,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,600	2,900	500	900	400	18,300	142,100
Manufacturing	49,000	10,800	1,300	5,000	800	66,900	524,500
Trade	30,100	7,300	1,000	3,200	900	42,500	224,200
Transportation & Utilities	6,800	1,200	300	500	300	9,100	48,500
Financial Activities	10,200	1,900	300	700	200	13,300	161,900
Education and Health Services	21,700	6,000	1,100	2,600	700	32,100	376,100
Leisure & Hospitality	17,000	4,900	1,000	2,500	900	26,300	274,000
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	36,300	7,300	1,100	2,400	700	47,800	448,000
Total Government	21,000	5,500	1,100	3,700	1,300	32,500	372,600
Federal	1,100	300	100	100	100	1,600	29,700
State	3,900	700	0	900	400	5,900	90,000
Local	16,000	4,500	1,000	2,700	800	25,000	252,900
Change from one month ago July 2004							
Civilian Labor Force**	-2,200	-500	-100	-600	-300	-3,800	-32,200
Employed	-2,000	-600	-100	-600	-300	-3,700	-23,600
Unemployed	-200	100	0	-100	0	-100	-8,600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	-100	100	-100	-200	-100	-380	4,700
Percent change NFWS from last month	0.0%	0.2%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-1.6%	-0.1%	0.2%
Total Private	100	200	-40	-60	-30	200	10,300
Goods Producing	-100	200	-20	-90	-40	-100	1,700
Service Producing	0	-100	-70	-110	-60	-300	3,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	0	0	10	-10	-200	-800
Manufacturing	100	200	-20	-90	-30	100	2,500
Trade	-100	0	-20	0	-10	-100	0
Transportation & Utilities	100	0	0	0	0	100	300
Financial Activities	0	0	10	0	0	0	-300
Education and Health Services	-100	0	10	0	10	-100	200
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0	0	0	0	100	1,700
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	200	0	10	10	10	300	5,400
Total Government	-200	-100	-40	-140	-70	-500	-5,600
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	100	0	0	10	0	100	800
Local	-300	-100	-40	-150	-70	-600	-6,400
Change from one year ago August 2003							
Civilian Labor Force**	600	200	-100	0	200	1,000	21,200
Employed	2,900	600	100	300	300	4,100	47,100
Unemployed	-2,300	-300	-200	-200	-100	-3,100	-25,900
Unemployment rate(%)	-1.0%	-0.6%	-1.8%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-0.9%	-0.9%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	-1.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.9%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	1,600	400	-100	100	100	2,000	46,500
Percent change NFWS from last year	0.8%	0.8%	-1.6%	0.5%	1.4%	0.7%	1.7%
Total Private	2,400	200	-60	140	160	2,900	52,600
Goods Producing	2,700	-100	0	10	60	2,600	13,000
Service Producing	-1,100	500	-130	90	20	-600	33,500
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	400	0	20	10	10	500	2,200
Manufacturing	2,300	-200	-10	0	50	2,200	10,800
Trade	-100	200	-30	-20	0	0	3,600
Transportation & Utilities	-300	-200	0	-10	0	-500	-1,000
Financial Activities	-600	0	20	0	10	-600	2,900
Education and Health Services	300	-200	0	10	20	100	10,900
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	300	-70	150	60	300	4,800
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	500	200	20	20	10	800	14,100
Total Government	-800	100	-70	-40	-70	-800	-6,100
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	-600	0	0	30	10	-600	-3,700

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